

FRENCHMAN MAKES PORT

Bark Armen Arrives From Antwerp With Railroad Iron, Fish Plates and Cement.

ENCOUNTERED HEAVY GALE

Was Outside During Thursday's Blow and Lost One of Her Yards—Chinook's Good Work Yesterday.

The French bark Armen, Captain Le-roux, arrived in port yesterday after a passage of 153 days from Antwerp. She brings a cargo of railroad iron and other merchandise and is consigned to Balfour, Guthrie & Co. The Armen is now here for the first time. Her master is one of the youngest captains who ever made this port and is in his 30th year.

The Armen had a fair passage up to the time of reaching the Columbia. She encountered the full fury of last Thursday's great storm and during the prevalence of the blow lost one of her royal yards. The damage to the rigging is reported to have been considerable, and it is believed a new toymast will be necessary. On the voyage one of the sailors died of consumption. Pilot Howes went aboard the Armen on Sunday, came up to the mouth of the river too late Monday to get in, and was compelled to put off shore again until yesterday.

The French ship Vercingetorix, from San Francisco, also reached port yesterday. She comes light and will load at Portland. The Vercingetorix experienced the full fury of Thursday's gale, but came through without damage.

Columbia river bar pilots agree that Thursday's gale was one of the very worst that ever raged along the north Pacific coast. "I was aboard the pilot schooner Joseph Pulitzer when the gale came on," said Captain Howes yesterday afternoon, "and it was the worst blow I ever experienced off the Columbia. The schooner was driven as far north as Willapa bay, but she rode out the gale nicely and we were comfortable aboard." In view of the great fury of the gale the trifling damage to shipping is considered remarkable.

WORK OF THE BAR DREDGE.

Chinook Braves the Fury of the Elements Yesterday For Six Hours.

The bar dredge Chinook did some excellent and exceptional work at the mouth of the river yesterday. She went outside at 10 in the morning and remained until 4 in the afternoon. During that time she removed 2000 cubic yards of sand from the bar—approximately 4000 tons.

While the dredge was at work yesterday the bar was very rough and breakers continually rolled in from the sea. The great length of the dredge made it possible for her to fit three of the seas and she was thus enabled to operate. The breakers repeatedly washed her deck, but she never once struck. On of the gates was kept open, reducing the working capacity of the vessel, but this was necessary because of the heavy weather. The appearance of the bar denoted that a vessel the size of the Chinook could not live there, but the big vessel proved her worth by working for six hours and scrapping off a large quantity of the obstruction at the river's mouth.

Portland people who were in the city yesterday stated to a representative of The Astorian that there was no objection in the Oregon metropolis to the operation of the Chinook, but that the apathy displayed there toward the vessel was due to another reason. It appears that the people of Portland are fearful the impression may go abroad that the Chinook can provide permanent depth and that there may be a lessening of interest in extension of the jetty. They are anxious, according to the statements made yesterday, to keep before congress the need for additional jetty appropriations.

However, it is felt locally the work of the Chinook should not be discredited; that members of congress are not children who can be deceived by false statements, and that the Chinook is entitled to the full credit due her for her excellent work on the bar.

BOTTLED UP AT PORT ARTHUR.

Astorian is Member of Crew of American Steam Ship Pleiades.

The American steamer Pleiades has slipped out of Port Arthur, according to a copyrighted dispatch sent out from Chefoo to the New York Herald. The vessel is reported to have evaded the

Russians during the prevalence of a storm and is now at Chefoo.

Among the engineers aboard the Pleiades is Henry Binder, of this city. Mr. Binder has been on the steamship for a long time and was bottled up on her at Port Arthur. He witnessed the Russian defense of the harbor and all of the operations carried on there by both navies. Friends here expect shortly to hear from him, now that he has been released, and receipt of his description of the situation is awaited with much interest.

SCHOONER GEM WRECKED.

Little Vessel Ashore on Nehalem Beach and Is Total Loss.

Tillamook, Feb. 16.—News has reached here that the schooner Gem, which left San Francisco February 3 for Tillamook, has gone ashore on Nehalem beach. The tug which was sent to pull her off was unable to dislodge her and she will prove a total loss. The Gem is a small coaster of 106 tons register. Her capacity was 200,000 feet of lumber.

Marine Notes.

The government transport Buford has been ordered to the Columbia. She will take 600 marines and a cargo of lumber for the Philippines.

The steamer Aurelia arrived yesterday from San Francisco. She brought 3000 feet of redwood lumber for Jacobs & Gimre, of Astoria, and 50 packages of freight for other Astorians. Her Portland freight consisted of 1491 packages of merchandise.

The lighthouse tender Heather has received instructions to visit all the light stations in the Puget sound district. This trip was to have been made by the Columbine, but Captain Richardson is ill with a bilious attack and the department has assigned the trip to the Heather. Captain Richardson will be well soon.

The Armen, arriving yesterday from Antwerp, brings a full cargo of railroad iron and fish plates. She has also a small quantity of cement. While the vessel is consigned to Balfour, Guthrie & Co., no statement has been made as to what will be done with the railroad iron aboard her, nor could it be learned for whom the cargo is intended.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining unclaimed for thirty days at Astoria post office.

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Strenmütz, Peter Mrs.
Stinnet, M. A. Mrs.
Thiberg, Arne Mr.

Foreign Letters.

Cuzvist, Alex Mr.
Nilsson, Theodore, Esqre.

Bitter Cold in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Feb. 16.—Today was one of the severest of the winter. The temperature was seven degrees above zero and all day long a 40-mile gale blew through the ruins in the fire district, making conditions dangerous for all within the lines. Most of the streets which were recently cleaned of debris are now covered to the depth of two or three inches with ice.

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Office constructing quartermaster, Astoria, Ore., Feb. 6, 1904.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received at this office until 10 o'clock a. m. March 7, 1904, and then opened, for the construction, plumbing, heating and electric wiring of one single set officers' quarters, and the construction, plumbing and electric wiring of one double set N. C. O. quarters at Fort Columbia, Wash. United States reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Plans can be seen and specifications obtained at this office and at the office of Disbursing Quartermaster at Portland, Ore., and Seattle, Wash. Envelopes should be marked "Proposals for construction buildings at Fort Columbia" and addressed Captain Goodale, Quartermaster, Astoria, Ore.

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U. S. Engineer Office, Portland, Ore., Feb. 10, 1904. Sealed proposals will be received here for 240,000 tons, more or less, stone for extension of jetty at mouth of Columbia river, Oregon and Washington, until 11 a. m. March 11, 1904, and then publicly opened. Information on application. W. C. Langfitt, Major, Engineers.

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